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SUBJECT: MOROCCAN AND MAURITANIAN AMBASSADORS COMMENT ON
POSSIBLE LIBYAN ROLE IN SAHARAN SETTLEMENT

1. DURING CALLS AUGUST 13 ON MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR DRISS EL
FELLAH AND MAURITANIAN AMBASSADOR MOHAMED M. OULD WEDADY,
QUESTIONS RE POSSIBLE ROLE FOR QADHAFI IN SEEKING SAHARAN
SETTLEMENT BROUGHT CONFLICTING RESPONSES. MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR
SAID CATEGORICALLY THAT IT WAS NOW TOO LATE FOR LIBYA TO PLAY
A USEFUL ROLE. AT SAME TIME HE NOTED SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT IN
LIBYAN-MOROCCAN RELATIONS SIGNALLED BY PUBLICITY LIBYAN MEDIA
GAVE KING HASSAN'S RAMADAN GREETING TO QADHAFI. THIS IN TURN
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CAUSED MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR, FOR FIRST TIME IN ELEVEN
MONTHS, TO ATTEND AN OFFICIAL LIBYAN FUNCTION, THE
OPENING OF TRIPOLI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUGUST 10.
AMBASSADOR'S EXPLANATION OF LIBYAN GESTURE WAS THAT
QADHAFI IS IRRITATED WITH BOUMEDIENE BECAUSE OF LATTER'S
FAILURE TO SUPPORT LIBYAN POSITION ON CHAD AT BELGRADE
NONALIGNED MEETING.

2. MAURITANIAN AMBASSADOR, WHOM I HAD KNOWN FIFTEEN YEARS AGO IN NOUAKCHOTT, DISCUSSED AT SOME LENGTH RECENT CHANGES IN MAURITANIAN GOVERNMENT. HE MINIMIZED THE EFFECT OF MOKTAR OULD DADDAH'S REMOVAL ON MAURITANIAN POLICIES OR STATUS OF MOST PERSONALITIES. HE EMPHASIZED THAT MAURITANIA WAS SEEKING AN HONORABLE SOLUTION IN THE SAHARA AND REFERRED TO HIS CALL ON QADHAFI AUGUST 10 WITH EMISSARY FROM NOUAKCHOTT GOVT, AHMAD OULD AL-WAFI, WHO WAS CARRYING A LETTER FROM CHAIRMAN OF MAURITANIAN MILITARY COMMITTEE, MUSTAFA MOHAMMAD OULD SALECK. WITHOUT REVEALING DETAILS OF THAT CONVERSATION, HE SAID HE THOUGHT LIBYA MIGHT PLAY A USEFUL ROLE IN EFFORT TO FIND SOLUTION IN THE WESTERN SAHARAN DISPUTE. HE WAS TO LEAVE FOR NOUAKCHOTT VIA PARIS AUG 14, TO BE IN MAURITANIA DURING VISIT THERE OF A LIBYAN ECONOMIC MISSION.
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